Reduce Exporting Stress with AES



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What is AES?

- The Automated Export System is the electronic filing of:
 - Shipper's Export Declarations (SEDs)
 - Ocean Outward Manifest



Benefits of AES

- Saves time and money
- Eliminates paper
- Reduces duplicate reporting
- Improves trade statistics
- Increases compliance



Who Can File in AES?

- U.S. Principal Parties in Interest
- Authorized Agents
 - Domiciled in the United States
 - Authorized by POA or Written Authorization



AES Statistics

As of March 2006

of AES filers: 21,441

• AES*Direct* 20,683

AES mainframe 758

More than 1 million shipments per month More than 2 million records per month 96.1 % of eligible shipments reported in AES

Approximately 55,000 SEDs a month

AES Statistics

Pre-departure Filings	85%
Post-departure Filings	15%
Approvals for Post-departure Filing	2,186
Transactions Reported Late	2.1%



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AES Filing Options

- Pre-departure Filing
 - File all elements in AES prior to exportation
- Post-departure Filing
 - Only USPPIs can be approved
 - File prior 10 calendar days after exportation
 - Moratorium on LOIs since August 2003
 - Acceptance of new LOIs when Final Rule for Mandatory AES is implemented



Proof of Filing Citations

- Refer to FTSR Letter 168 (Amendment 2)
- Pre-departure Filing
 AES ITN
 AES X20060420000001

NDR AES XTN (Filer's EIN – SRN)

NDR AES 123456789-CARGO001

Expires with Full Mandatory AES



Proof of Filing Citations

- Post-departure Filing
 - Authorized Agent filing for the USPPI
 - NDR AES4 USPPI EIN Filer EIN
 - NDR AES4 12345678900-123456789
 - USPPI filing directly to AES
 - NDR AES4 USPPI EIN
 - NDR AES4 123456789



USML Filing Time Frames

- State Department's United States Munitions List items (USML)
 - Air: 8 hours prior to departure
 - Truck: 8 hours prior to departure
 - Rail: 24 hours prior to departure
 - Vessel: 24 hours prior to departure



Pre-Departure Filing Rules

- Proposed Filing Time frames
 - Air No later than 2 hours prior to scheduled departure time
 - Vessel Prior to loading, but no later than 24 hours prior to departure
 - Rail No later than 2 hours prior to train arriving at the U.S. border
 - Truck No later than 1 hour prior to truck arriving at the U.S. border
 - Mail No later than 2 hours prior to exportation
- Exports to Puerto Rico
 - Follow time frames above



Mandatory Fields In AES

- USPPI and USPPI ID
 - Name
 - Address
 - Contact Information



- Date of Export
- Ultimate Consignee
- U.S. State of Origin
- Country of Ultimate Destination
- Mode of Transportation
- Conveyance Name/Carrier Name
- Carrier Identification



- Port of Export
- Related Company Indicator
- Domestic or Foreign Indicator
- Commodity Description



- Shipping Weight
- Value
- Export Information Code
- Shipment Reference Number
- Line Number
- Hazardous Material Indicator



- License Type
- Routed Export Transaction Indicator
- Shipment Filing Action Request Indicator
- Line Item Filing Action Request Indicator
- Filing Option Indicator



AES Generated Responses

- Accepted AES Shipments (ITNs Returned)
 - Shipment Added, Shipment Cancelled, Shipment Replaced, or Shipment Changed
 - Verify Responses
 - Compliance Alerts
 - Warning Response
 - Must correct warning within 4 days
- Rejected AES Shipments (ITNs <u>not</u> Returned)
 - Fatal Responses
 - Correct Shipment and re-submit prior to exportation



AES Progress Reports

- Progress Reports are sent monthly
- Each report is preceded by a compliance letter
- Each filer is provided the number of shipments and shipment errors over the last 3 months
- Census calculates the monthly error rate



AES Progress Reports - Sample

AES COMPANY

Email: john.e.export@export.com

Number of Shipments for December 2005: 27,534

Number of Shipments for November 2005: 30,003

Number of Shipments for October 2005: 27,349

Change From November 2005 to December 2005: -8.23%

Shipments in Error for December 2005: 491

Shipments in Error for November 2005: 389

Shipments in Error for October 2005: 465

Error Rate for December 2005: 1.78%

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AES Progress Reports - Sample

AES Detail Error Report for December 2005

AES Error Messages	<u>Count</u>	<u>Percent</u>
700 Ship Late, OPT 2	400	85.3
701 Ship Late, OPT 4	91	14.7



AES Progress Reports - Sample

AES Verify / Info Messages for December 2005

AES Info	Messages	Count

8L1 1380

8H1 788

8VW 505

8W1 336

8QR 209

8W2 22

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AES*Direct*

- Census Bureau's <u>FREE</u> Internet system for filing the SED with AES
- www.aesdirect.gov
- Pre-departure and Post-departure Filing
- Help Desk 7:00am 7:00pm EST, 7 days a Week
- On-line help Facility
- Data Security through Encryption and User Authentication



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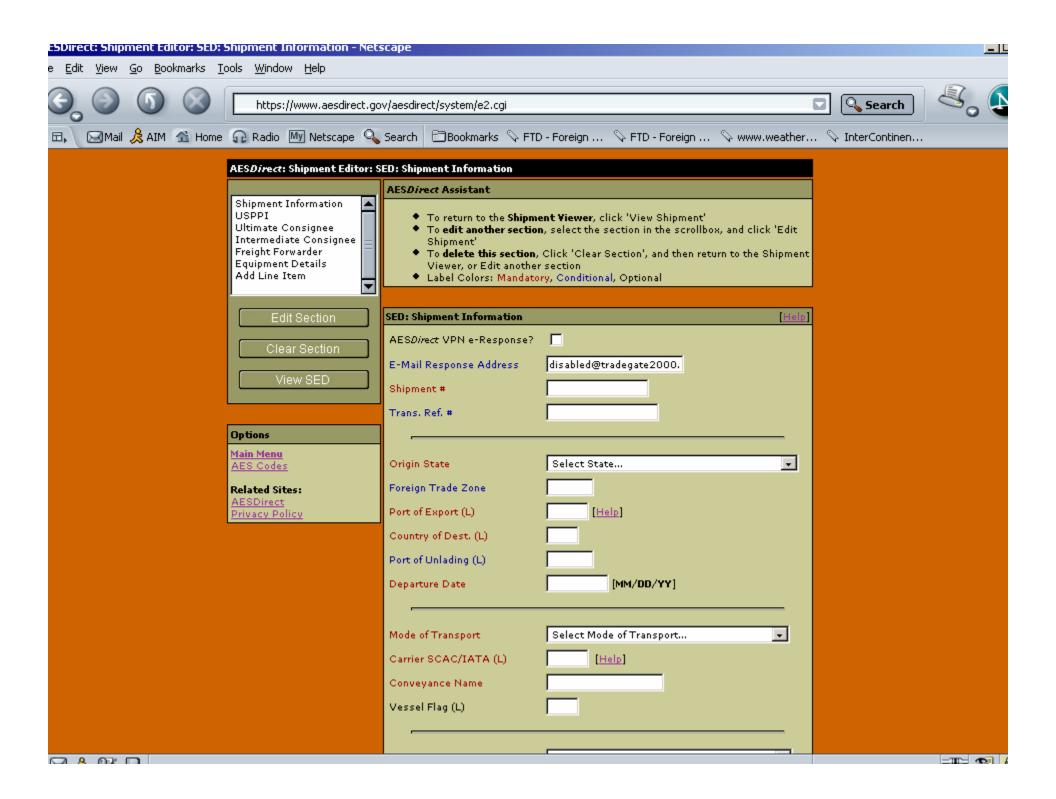
- How do I get started?
 - Register online at <u>www.aesdirect.gov</u>
 - Take the online tutorial
 - Take the online certification quiz
 - Receive email that account has been setup for operation



AESDirect

- Interactive Filing
 - Log on to AESDirect from Desktop
 - Create, Retrieve, or Cancel Shipments
 - Submit Shipment Data to AESDirect
 - AESDirect edits and sends accepted data to AES
 - AES returns confirmations (ITNs) via email
 - AESDirect stores your data in a report screen





AESDirect

- AESPcLink
 - Standalone keying version
 - Download software
 - www.aesdirect.gov
 - Install CD-ROM
 - Prepare, Store and Validate SED data locally
 - Software uploads data to AESDirect for transmission to AES



AES*Direct*

- Features of AESPcLink
 - Spanish language version available
 - Party Profile Import/Export capability
 - Access to Harmonized Tariff Schedule or Schedule B Codes
 - Retrieve confirmations (ITNs) directly from AESDirect without relying on email



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